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TRAFFIC POLICE

Faithful Guardians of Loop Need All the Assistance They Can Get. Playing Favorites Hurts Them

Some people are saying that the Chicago police do not get much sympathy from their chief.

They base this statement on the non-activity of the chief in punishing season long loop parking law violators.

The hardest working men on the force are the men assigned to duty in the traffic division.

They have all the worst of it and a more reliable and hard-working set of men cannot be found anywhere in the world.

The regulation of automobile parking and traffic is their principal duty, and it is one that keeps them under a constant strain.

They are obliged to handle the mobs at crossings and to keep an eye on people who park their cars too long in one place in violation of the ordinance.

This work is made particularly hard for the police when alleged pets of the city administration are permitted to park their cars for hours

in the loop while a man or woman who is not a pet is haled into court for every slight infraction.

The traffic police complain bitterly of this. They say that it "puts them in bad" with the public, and so it does.

One of the many officers who has complained of the favoritism shown to a fellow who parks his car nearly every day on Washington street for hours at a time, said:

"I have served eight 'slips' on this fellow. He pays no attention to them and threatens to get my job. I have reported it to my superiors. Yet nothing is done. The fellow's pull is too strong."

Last Saturday this duck caused many a laugh at the expense of the Chief of Police.

It is well known that the Chief is very fond of the Chicago Crime Commission, a creation of a well known collection of advertising agents and others called the Association of Commerce.

The Crime Commission since its start had rooms on the bank floor of the Roosevelt Building, Wells and Washington streets—the rooms now occupied by the Republican County Committee.

The City Hall pet parked his car in front of the main entrance to this building at 1:30 o'clock Saturday, December 2, and it remained there all the afternoon in defiance of the police.

But as the Crime Commission moved out of this place a few months ago and the Republican committee moved in, it was hard to say who this City Hall pet was giving the laugh to. He certainly defied the traffic police.

EAGLETS

The Crime Commission has an easy way to reduce crime in Chicago. It does it with a lead pencil.

No one—not even the Chief of Police—would believe it if he did not see it in writing.

The crime figures were so low that the chief at first regarded them with suspicion. When he ascertained that the number of burglaries, robberies and larcenies had been checked by the Chicago Crime Commission he asserted that they are "amazing but true."

The Tribune published the figures the other day. There were only 126 burglaries, robberies and larcenies in Chicago in 1922 as against 222 in 1921, according to this report for last week.

It would seem as if the only need for grand juries was to investigate school board criminals.

The Crime Commission has not issued any bulletins showing the number of men who come down town to gamble for money all afternoon and who can park their cars every day in the loop as long as they wish to without police interference.

OLSON WARNING

Chief Justice of the Municipal Court Speaking at County Judge Jarecki's Inaugural Cites Ballot Conditions

County Judge Jarecki was inaugurated on Monday amidst banks of flowers in the presence of a great crowd of people with oratory and enthusiasm.

Several speakers called attention to election conditions in Chicago and expressed their confidence in the ability of the new county judge to insure an honest ballot and a square count.

"The sanctity of the ballot box must be assured or we won't have any ballot box at all," warned Chief Justice Harry Olson of the Municipal Court, who spoke many words of praise for the splendid record he said Jarecki placed to his credit during eight years he served as judge of the

contest filed by Ald. U. S. Schwartz against County Reviewer Edward R. Litsinger, re-elected by less than 5,000 plurality.

County Treasurer Carr's inaugural was a happy one. More than a score of floral pieces were delivered at the county treasurer's office, the most conspicuous of which was a huge floral stepladder, showing Treasurer Carr's progress in public life. The first step was marked "Committeeman," the next "Alderman," the third "Sanitary District Trustee" and the last "Treasurer." At the top was a floral chair with a big interrogation mark, indicating that Mr. Carr's friends have hopes that he will be promoted to a still higher office.

The committee of county commissioners to whom County Treasurer Carr surrendered his office and accounts, consisted of Emmett Whealan, Frank J. Wilson and William H. MacLean. Mr. Carr's turnover letter was accompanied by affidavits showing the monthly interest earnings on public money, the total for the fiscal year

amounting to \$1,029,952.21, an increase of \$375,532.31 over the previous high record.

It did everybody good to see Robert M. Swetzer, our popular county clerk, take hold again. A steady procession of well wishers filed in and out of his office to grasp his hand and extend their congratulations on the beginning of his fourth term. Huge floral decorations banked the walls of his private office.

The refusal of the Lincoln Park board to release 85 per cent of its riparian rights along the lake shore, between the Municipal Pier and Chicago avenue, has resulted in the city dropping the proposition for a beach at that point, it was announced. If the consent of the board is given later an appropriation of \$65,000 probably will be made for construction of the beach. The 85 per cent of the riparian rights owned by the board are necessary before the city can construct the beach advocated by Alderman Dorsey Crowe.

IN THE CITY HALL

What the City Officials and Men of Affairs Are Doing for the Chicago Public

The City Council Finance Committee has commenced a thorough audit of the school board finances.

It was made clear during a conference of Ald. Richert, E. E. Gore, president of the Association of Commerce and a member of the auditing firm, and Attorneys Charles M. Haft, Frederick A. Brown, and Marvin E. Barnhart, special assistants of the attorney general in the school inquiry, that the inquiry must be something more than a mere bookkeeping audit if it is to be of value to the taxpayers.

"The auditors will have to do almost as much detective work as auditing," one of those at Monday's conference said. "For instance, the auditors will be asked to ascertain in all purchases of material if the material was delivered or what became of it, together with its quality."

With the exception of one man to be paid \$100 a day for less than a

week, the auditors will be paid from \$15 to \$35 a day, according to their experience.

The proposed ordinance licensing radio receiving and transmitting stations, amateur and commercial, has caused so many objections that Chairman Adamowski of the aldermanic subcommittee considering the measure, adjourned the session until next Friday morning and issued a call to the public generally to attend the meeting and express its views. The ordinance is sponsored by George E. Carlson, city commissioner of gas and electricity, who declares many amateur radio plants now in use are endangering property and lives. Under the ordinance a fee of \$3 for inspection of apparatus would be charged. The American Association of Engineers charged that it would stifle amateur development of the radio. John P. Tansey, representing the Radio Club of Illinois, said that his organization would present twenty other objections.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Work of Illinois Lawmaking Body

Republican state leaders are working to secure a happy settlement of the speakership contest and to ward off, if possible, any bipartisan combination, either for or opposed to the Small administration. A. Otis Arnold of Quincy is a candidate. Speaker Dahlberg, who doesn't say so officially, is a candidate and expects to be elected through the combined efforts of the state administration, the city hall organization in Chicago and with the approval, at least, of the Anti-Saloon League.

Governor Small will ask the new legislature to do much for state roads. He will call attention to the report of the state highway department which will show, it is indicated,

ed, the construction of well over 3,000 miles of paved highway in the state, during Gov. Small's term. This showing, presumably, is to be coupled with the assertion that the \$60,000,000 bond issue approved in 1918, was not sufficient to complete the 4,800 miles of the state system that was provided for in the 1918 road bond act. Gov. Small, it is believed, will have some recommendations to make whereby the bulk of the proposed \$100,000,000 bond issue would be paid by automobile owners and transportation companies that are using the roads for bus lines.

The tin star constabulary organized four years ago to assist the public peace officers has grown to a membership of 12,000 and is the state's most effective weapon against violators of the anti-cruelty laws, according to Walter P. Stuart, general superintendent. Hundreds of cases in Chicago have been brought against owners for mistreating animals.

Governor Small is a candidate for re-election.

The three new trustees of the sanitary district—Michael Rosenberg, Timothy J. Crowe and James M. Whalen, all Democrats—were inaugurated Tuesday amidst flowers, friends and enthusiasm.

Former Mayor Harrison is reported to be tiring of politics. He was not present at any of the Democratic inaugurations this week.

Maj. Edgar B. Tolman of Chicago, the war department announced today, has been awarded the distinguished service medal for his distinguished work during the war as executive officer in charge of the selective draft in Illinois.

Beat the proposed new constitution. "No taxation without representation."

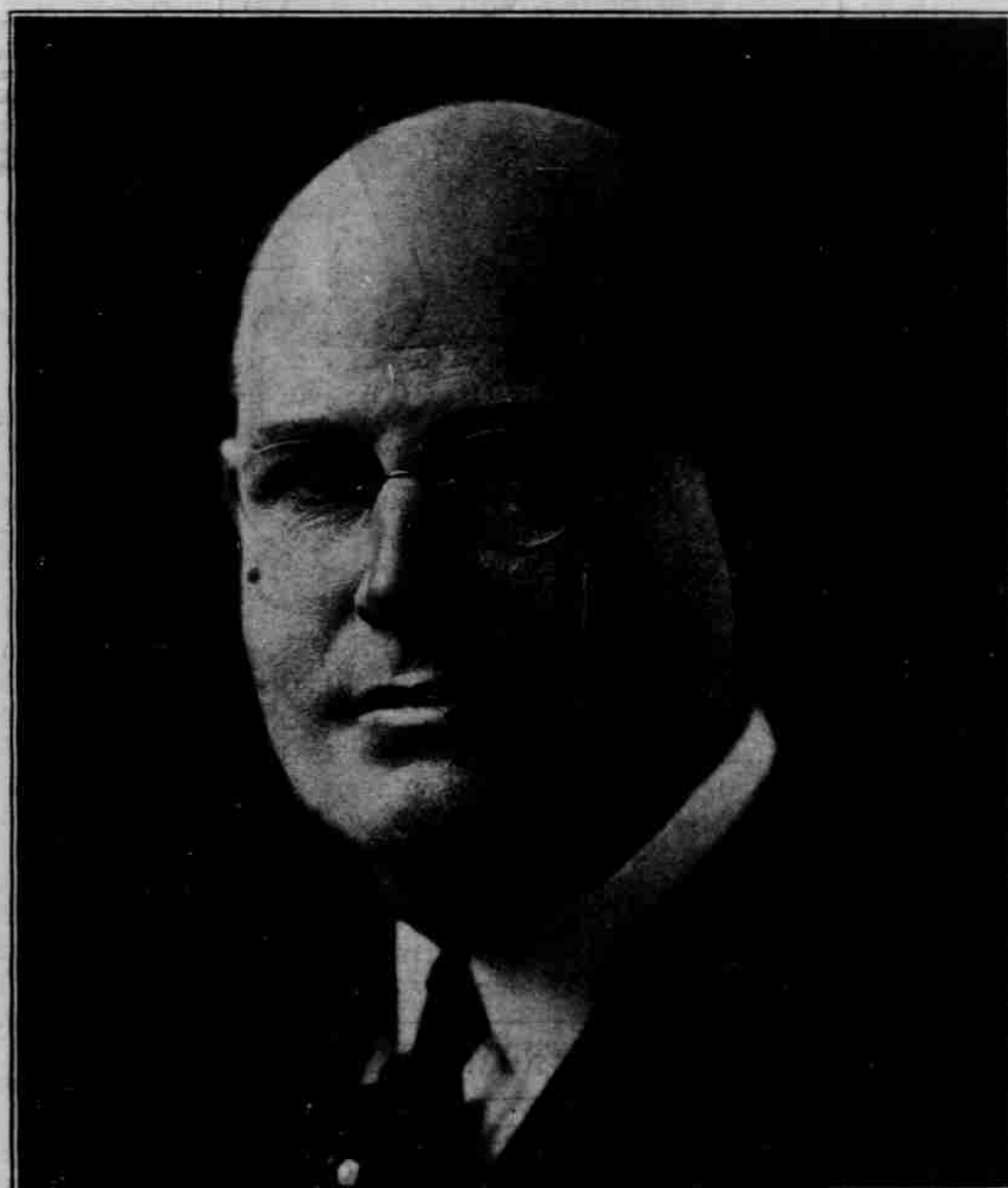
Some of the traffic cops might give them a pointer if they were seeking the information.

A most dangerous as well as ridiculous proposition is the movement to elect the president by popular vote. If adopted states like Texas and Georgia, which now suppress an immense colored vote, could elect any man they pleased as president by simply counting them in. The framers of the constitution built wisely when they limited each state to its electoral vote.

Municipal Court, including the Boys' Court and the Court of Domestic Relations. "If I were the county judge I would impress the best men and women in every precinct to count the ballots and I would compel them to perform their duties with the same spirit of trust a juror tries a case in court."

Dean John H. Wigmore of the Northwestern University Law School spoke with affection and pride of Judge Jarecki as his former pupil and said the people of Cook County have made no mistake in electing a "true blue man."

Former Governor Edward F. Dunne, after praising the new county judge, made the first motion. It was for the impounding of the ballots voted Nov. 7 pending their recount in the



WILLIAM RUFUS ABBOTT.
Popular and Progressive President of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

COUNTY OFFICES

Items of Interest Concerning Men and Measures in the County Building

Oscar Wolff, real estate agent of the Sanitary District, was elected Sheriff-elect Peter M. Hoffman by the county board Monday.

The vote was 8 to 7, a strict party division by Republican and Democratic members.

Earlier Mr. Hoffman had announced that he would refuse to qualify as sheriff until his successor as coroner had been agreed on by the board.

Last March Mr. Wolff, then a member of the Board of Local Improvements, broke with the city administration because of differences with Patrick H. Moynihan, South Chicago Thompson leader. He resigned from the board of local improvements and enlisted with the Crowe Brundage forces. His appointment as real estate agent of the sanitary district followed.

The Democrats attack the validity of Wolff's election as coroner. They claim there was no valid notice of a vacancy in the office.

Judge Joseph B. David, chief justice of the Superior court, and Superior Judge Charles A. McDonald, have been transferred to the Criminal court where they will sit until the docket is relieved.

Clerk John F. Devine of the Probate court, was sworn in by Judge Horner in the latter's chambers. A bevy of friends and admirers attended the ceremony. His office was piled high with floral pieces.

Edward R. Litsinger, re-elected member of the board of review, and Michael K. Sheridan, elected a member of the board of assessors, were sworn in by County Clerk Swetzer. Their offices were bedecked with floral decorations. Neither takes office until Jan. 1.

County Superintendent of Schools Edward J. Tobin, re-elected county superintendent of schools, will not be inducted into office until Aug. 1 of next year, when his present term expires. He has been confined to his home by illness for the last seven weeks.

Three of the best aldermen in the city council took their new jobs on Monday. Ald. Anton J. Cermak and Maurice F. Kavanagh, elected president and member of the county board, and Ald. Walter P. Steffan, elected judge of the Superior court, resigned.

The resignation of Ald. Cermak came ten years to a day after his resignation from the city council to become bailiff of the Municipal court. In all Cermak has been a member of the council for ten years, Kavanagh for four and one-half years, and Steffan for six.

Part of the new Ogden avenue extension is now open. The strip between Division and Halsted streets and Clark and Center streets have been completely paved with asphalt and is in use. The other section between Randolph and Union Park and Carpenter street and the Northwestern railroad is expected to be ready before next spring.

Chicago will have 3,733,000 inhabitants and Cook county 4,474,000 by 1940, according to an estimate announced by Albert P. Allen, commercial engineer of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Allen also predicts a decided movement toward the farms in Illinois. The population figures are based on careful study. The telephone company is planning expansion of service to conform with the expected increase.

The Chicago Motor Bus Company has been granted a twenty-year franchise to operate over West Park boulevards by the West Park Commissioners at their meeting. A sliding scale of return for the use of the streets was adopted.

Under the scale the company will pay 3 per cent of its profits, with a minimum of \$10,000 for the first five years; 4 per cent, with a minimum of \$14,000 for the second five years, and 4½ per cent, with a minimum of \$15,000 for the last half of the contract period.

The ordinance was passed by a vote of 4 to 3, the objectors holding that the company should pay for its franchise in addition to its yearly operations contribution.

Buses similar to those running on the north side will begin running in January.

While the Crime Commission reports a decrease in crime, the annual report of Chief Justice Harry Olson shows a great increase in criminal cases in the Municipal court.

"Reports for this year show that 287,438 criminal and civil cases were filed, a comparative increase of 120,327 cases," said Judge Olson.

"Of the cases filed this year the judges disposed of 272,957 cases."

"This year is the record in the number of cases filed and disposed of since the Municipal court branch was founded in 1907," said Judge Olson.

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